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Delivered President's letter to President Ydigoras 3:00 PM today. He termed it "judicious and serene" and expressed full concurrence. Said he would immediately instruct Guatemalan delegate OAS collaborate with Ambassador Morrison or his alternate. As for UN, he suggested Ambassador Stevenson should send someone to work with Ambassador Flores Avendano to whom he now sending instructions to work with US.

Reference numbered paragraph eight Circular 700 and corresponding paragraph President Kennedy's letter, President Ydigoras assured me Guatemala prepared participate in any fashion we wished, including sending troops. (We assume Department will inform us when and if JCS representatives wish make contact with Guatemalans. President said Colonel Peralta Minister Defense would be his man for this). He reiterated offer reported MYTEL 217.

President Ydigoras concluded with message of admiration and encouragement to President Kennedy remarking God had placed them both in positions of great responsibility and they had corresponding obligation move decisively when required in interests mankind.

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